



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147

By Representatives Armstrong, Lois DeBerry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Thomas E. "Tank" Strickland, Jr. for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of excellence in all their endeavors and, in doing so, have served as an inspiration to those around them; and

WHEREAS, such an estimable gentleman is Mr. Thomas E. "Tank" Strickland, Jr., a resident of Knoxville who has always striven to give the best of himself to every endeavor and to the benefit of his family and his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and esteemed member of his community, Mr. Strickland was recently honored on April 28, 2011, at a special reception where he received the Senior Advocacy Award from Congressman John J. Duncan, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational public servant, Thomas Strickland served as Chairman of the Knox County Commission, Community Relations Director for the City of Knoxville and was a Special Assistant to Mayor Bill Haslam; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive tenure on the Knox County Commission, Mr. Strickland served on the Finance Committee, the Arena Use Committee, the Knox County Beer Board, the Pension and Retirement Board, the Investment Committee, the Naco/Health Committee and the Tennessee County Services Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland serves as Vice Chairman and member of the Administrative Committee of the Community Action Commission and has been a longtime supporter of its John T. O'Connor Center and helped establish the Mobile Meals Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, a champion for seniors and quality healthcare, Mr. Strickland has worked with the Open Arms Foundation, served as Vice President of the Alzheimers Association Board, was a founder of the Tennessee Men's Health Network, and Honorary Chair of the Kidney Foundation Annual Walk; and

WHEREAS, a community leader of whom we can all be proud, Tank Strickland has rendered sterling service on the Tennessee County Commission Association Board of Directors, the Knox County Community Television Board, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chairman Ebony Fashion Fair, Martin Luther King Commission, The Great Schools Partnership Board of Trustees, and as the United Way City Coordinator (Co-Chair); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland is a member of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators, Regional Transportation Organization Executive Committee, Tennessee Theatre Board, NAACP, Knoxville Urban League, Junior League Advisory Board, University of Tennessee Black Alumni Association, and the Beck Cultural Exchange Center; and

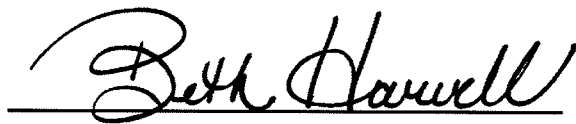
WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize such a gracious and generous individual whose inspirational actions set a shining example for all to emulate during their lifetime; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Thomas "Tank" Strickland, reflecting on his personal excellence, stalwart character and dedication to living the examined life with compassion and courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 21, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell", written over a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES